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Greater Marietta United Way

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Campaign Kickoff 2005-2006

Your Caring Can Make a Difference

Picnic to Kickoff Annual Campaign

The Greater Marietta United Way is kicking off the annual campaign with a "Picnic in the Park" at Muskingum Park on Friday, September 16th. The United Way Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers have been organizing the campaign throughout the year to assure that this is a successful effort to benefit the 15 participating local health and human service agencies. (see allocations on page 3).

We hope the community will come out and help kick off this campaign. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be provided free of charge from 11AM until 1PM. Agency information will be available at the picnic and a few prizes will be awarded. Take some time out of your workday and come join us.

Heading up the 2005-06 campaign will be Campaign Chair, Jim Spanner, President and Publisher of The Marietta Times. Campaign Director, Bob McKnight will assist him. Many volunteers will also be working to be sure the goal of \$305,000. is met.

To contribute to the Greater Marietta United Way, or to volunteer your time, please call the office at 740-373-3333. YOUR CARING CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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That's WHAT MATTERS!

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Agency Spotlight

EVE, Inc. Reports 5% Increase in Residents

Eve, Inc. provides services to victims of domestic violence. Emergency and transitional shelter, relocation to a local home or apartment, counseling and therapy have all been provided at the shelter for more than 20 years. Two decades later, the shelter is seeing a 5 percent increase in residents at the shelter, an indication of continuing need for help from the public.

In a Marietta Times article, Wendy Tuck, executive director, stated that in 2004, EVE Inc. served 1,187 people. The clients served were 51 percent adult women, 49 percent children, and very recently, an increasing number of men, who are also victims of domestic violence. The 24-hour hotline is a major part of EVE's services and in July alone there were 332 calls made to the hotline. The calls included 93 callers abused by boyfriends, 79 by husbands, 41 by former boyfriends, nine by brothers and fathers, four by stepfathers, three by sons and mothers, one by a wife and another by an ex-wife (Marietta Times 8/17/05).

There is no charge for any of the 23 different services provided by the agency. With the increase in the number of people needing the services, EVE, Inc. depends on their annual Benefit Auction and the allocated money from the Greater Marietta United Way. With the public's support, EVE, Inc. will be able to continue to provide their wonderful services to those in need.

EVE, Inc. is a non-profit agency that is governed by a volunteer board.

Caring Connection Cares for Washington County

Caring Connection has been helping hundreds of families in Washington County since 1991. The agency was organized in 1991 in response to the overwhelming requests for help area churches were receiving. In 1994, when several churches discontinued their social ministries, Caring Connection opened its doors to the public on a word-of-mouth basis. Caring Connection's services include help with emergency prescriptions, utility shutoffs and deposits, and emergency housing assistance.

At Caring Connection, "we like to think that we can serve clients' needs without making them jump through a bunch of hoops, or doing anything too embarrassing", Associate Director Jim Tilley said. "Most of the people we see don't like the fact that they have to ask for help, but the number of plant closings and traditional

low income/no benefits local jobs make it necessary sometimes."

The services provided to those in need are free; however, that does not mean that it is free for Caring Connection. Working with a strict budget, Caring Connection depends on grants, their annual fundraiser "Christmas in August" and the Greater Marietta United Way allocation. "We do get other grants, but they are normally restricted to a specific service: if we get a restricted grant for emergency prescriptions, we can't spend it for anything but prescriptions", stated Tilley. "Our United Way allocation is vital to our ability to function. The nature of the United Way grant allows us to shift money to the area of most need, when we need it".

Caring Connection is located at 411 Scammel Street.

What's Going On This Fall

If you are interested in knowing what's going on with a particular agency, read The Marietta Times.

Every two weeks the Greater Marietta United Way runs a "News & Notes" ad in The Marietta Times. This article is filled with coming events for the 15 participating United Way agencies.

ENJOY!

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How Your Dollars Add Up

The agencies that will directly benefit from your financial support.

Take a look at how *your* caring can make a difference!

American Red Cross (Washington Co.).....	\$30,000
Arthritis Foundation.....	\$1,000
Betsey Mills Club.....	\$25,855
BoyScouts of America: Allohak Council.....	\$3,000
Caring Connection.....	\$35,000
Ely Chapman Education Foundation.....	\$11,000
EVE, Inc.....	\$40,000
Marietta Bantam Baseball.....	\$2,500
Marietta Family YMCA.....	\$30,000
Mid-Ohio Valley Fellowship Home.....	\$7,000
O'Neill Senior Center.....	\$15,000
Parents & Friends of Hearing Impaired.....	\$6,000
Salvation Army/ Boys & Girls Club.....	\$33,000
Senior Nutrition Program.....	\$14,000
Washington County Recovery Alternatives.....	\$2,000

GREATER MARIETTA UNITED WAY BUDGET

Agency Allocations.....	\$255,355
Operational and Administrative Costs.....	\$46,645
United Way of America Dues.....	\$3,000

CAMPAIGN GOAL.....\$305,000

Your Caring Can Make A Difference!

The goal of United Way across America is to help people meet the health and human care needs that they cannot supply for themselves.

By raising donations through the community, the United Way is able to give to local human service agencies so they can create new programs, provide better services and give attention to those members of the community that cannot provide themselves with these types of services.

The United Way's goal is to reach as many disadvantaged people as possible with the funds they raise. All agencies the United Way gives to are non-profit agencies governed by a volunteer board.

The goal of the United Way is to help build a stronger community. In a world full of wrongs, we are trying to make a right.

THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!

The Greater Marietta United has recently begun an effort to expand the campaign area. The 15 non-profit agencies that are supported by the Greater Marietta United Way, not only serve Marietta residents, but also many people in the outlying areas of Washington County. For example, 148 individuals from just four outlying communities used the transportation service from the O'Neill Senior Center during 2004. Also, there were 204 youth living in just four outlying areas who participated as often as weekly or semi-weekly in programs at the Ely Chapman Education Center.

The support of those living in outlying areas is needed to insure the 2005-06 campaign goal of \$305,000. is met. If it is not met, full funding to the agencies will not be available.

Not all area residents work for employers who allow them the opportunity to contribute to the United Way through their workplace. The Greater Marietta United Way is appealing to all those individuals to support the campaign and want them to realize we are asking for a pledge, which they may pay at anytime throughout the year of 2006. The United Way office will send statements, as the contributor requests.

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